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(U) Fresno – White Supremacist Indicted in California Child Abduction

(U) Federal prosecutors have secured an indictment against a white supremacist pedophilia advocate, who was arrested in December 2020 for allegedly kidnapping a 12-year-old girl he met online. Nathan Larson, 40, was arrested in Denver by investigators who said they stopped him from coaxing a 12-year-old girl to run away from her Fresno, California home and flying with her across the country with intention of engaging in sexual activity. Larson was charged by indictment last week with kidnapping, coercion and enticement of a minor, sexual exploitation of a minor, transportation of a minor with intent to engage in illegal sexual activity, and receipt of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors.

SOURCE: 5 February 2021, Mercury News

(U) San Diego – High-Powered Explosives Missing, Possibly Stolen from Military Base

(U) Military officials are working to recover high powered explosives that vanished from a Southern California installation, according to sources with close military ties. The explosives disappeared from the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base, and now a reward is being offered for their discovery. Sources report that approximately 10-pounds of Composition C-4 disappeared during a long training exercise two weeks ago. They also believe the manufactured plastic explosives may have been stolen. SOURCE: 4 February 2021, KGTV

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - FBI Arrests Two for Roles in US Capitol Riot

(U) Washington – A Maine man and a Massachusetts man were arrested Thursday for their roles in the breaching of the US Capitol, the FBI said. Kyle Fitzsimons, 37, of Lebanon, Maine, was arrested in his hometown, and Brian P. McCreary, 33, of North Adams, Massachusetts, was arrested in nearby Springfield, the FBI announced. Authorities said Fitzsimons scuffled with police officers while trying to enter the Capitol, while McCreary entered the building and was captured in photos near a shirtless Arizona man with face paint and a hat with horns.

SOURCE: 4 February 2021, AP

(U) District of Columbia – Research Finds Fake and Imposter Pro-China Accounts Reached Millions

(U) Washington – A pro-China network of fake and impostor accounts found a global audience on YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter to mock the US response to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the deadly riot in Washington that left five dead, new research published Thursday found. Messages posted by the network, which also praised China, reached the social media feeds of government officials, including some in China and Venezuela who retweeted posts from the fake accounts to millions of their followers. The international reach marked new territory for a pro-China social media network that has been operating for years, said Ben Nimmo, head of investigations for Graphika, the social media analysis firm that monitored the activity.

SOURCE: 4 February 2021, Reuters

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(U) Florida – Police Investigating Theft of Vehicle Containing \$10,000 Worth of COVID-19 Vaccines

(U) Plant City – Florida police are investigating the theft of a car that was carrying \$10,000 worth of COVID-19 vaccine. The Plant City Police Department said Thursday that it is searching for a man suspected of having stolen the vehicle with 30 vials inside that had parked near a vaccination site in the city where Florida's winter strawberries are harvested. The police incident report says the gray Hyundai Accent had been left with the engine running and unlocked by a driver who worked for CDR Maguire, a contractor hired for vaccination scheduling and logistical support, including taking vaccines from county health departments to specific sites.

SOURCE: 4 February 2021, AP

(U) New Mexico - One Officer Dead, Multiple Officers Injured in Shooting

(U) Deming – A New Mexico State Police officer is dead after a shooting on Interstate 10 around milepost 101 in Luna County near Deming, officials said. The incident happened Thursday afternoon. According to state police, several officers are injured, and multiple agencies are involved. The suspect who was involved in a highspeed pursuit was shot and killed at the scene, state police said. SOURCE: 4 February 2021, KOAT

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Scotland - Nurse Reportedly Stabbed at Crosshouse Hospital, One Other Injured

(U) Kilmarnock – A nurse at Crosshouse Hospital has reportedly been stabbed during an ongoing incident. The medical hub, near Kilmarnock, has been locked down by armed police as dozens of emergency service vehicles were called to the scene. It is understood that a second staff member has also been injured. It is not currently known whether anyone has been detained in connection with the alleged attack.

SOURCE: 4 February 2021, Daily Record

(U) United Kingdom – British Teen Convicted of Terrorism Offenses

(U) Cornwall – On 2 February, a 16-year-old male from Cornwall, and leader of a banned neo-Nazi group, faces sentencing charges this week after admitting to 12 terrorism offenses, including dissemination of terrorist documents and possession of terrorist material. Since 2018, the teen began collecting a significant amount of far-right material and expressed racist, homophobic, and anti-Semitic views in online platforms.

SOURCE: 4 February 2021, BBC

(U) Yemen – UN Reports Arrest of Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula Leader

(U) Sana'a – A leader of the al-Qa'ida affiliate in Yemen has been under arrest for several months, the UN disclosed Thursday. The leader was arrested in October 2020 and another leader died during an operation in Ghayda City. The UN provided no further details about the operation or the whereabouts of the leader. Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) has not acknowledged the man's arrest. SOURCE: 4 February 2021, CNN

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